On behalf of the Fauquier County Sheriff's Office, I want to wish everyone a Happy Spring! Many of our citizens have faced challenges and have dealt with issues, due to the impact of COVID-19, in the past year. We at the Sheriff's Office, hope you are well, are vaccinated if you wish to be and are ready for a happier spring and summer.

At a time when more people are receiving their COVID-19 vaccinations, there are many who have shared the news with family and friends on social media. We want to alert our citizens about the danger of posting your vaccination cards on social media. When you get the vaccination, you will be given a vaccine card that contains your personal information. We encourage you to keep this card private because it contains your date of birth and other personal information that can be used by scammers to steal your identity.

I imagine you are as eager as we are at the Sheriff's Office to usher in a new season that will put us on a path to restoring some sense of "normalcy" to our community and to all of Virginia.

As many of you take to the roadways this spring and summer to enjoy the sites and scenes Virginia has to offer, please be extra vigilant as there will be more tourists than usual and many more travelers on the roads. Here are a few tips to help promote safety on our roads:

- Refrain from drinking and driving
- Refrain from walking or driving while impaired, which includes the use of cell phone or other multi-media devices
- Yield to pedestrians
- Obey all speed limits

For those of you who will be riding motorcycles in the beautiful weather ahead, here are some important tips to ensure not only your safety, but also compliance with the law:

- Make sure you are licensed. If you operate a motorcycle in Virginia, you must hold a valid Class "M," "M2," or "M3" designation or a motorcycle license.
- If you own or operate a motorcycle in the Commonwealth, you must have a Virginia title, registration card and license plate.
- Always wear the proper riding gear including a helmet, eye protection, leather jacket and trousers, durable gloves and proper footwear to prevent injury in case of a crash.

Your safety is our number one priority. I urge you to contact our office if you have any concerns about crime prevention or public safety efforts in our community.

Sincerely,

Robert P. Mosier Sheriff, Fauquier County